

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL

JULY 23, 2015

Minutes of the meeting of the Workers' Compensation Industrial Council held on Thursday, July 23, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., Offices of the West Virginia Insurance Commissioner, 1124 Smith Street, Room 400, Charleston, West Virginia.

Industrial Council Members Present:

Bill Dean, Chairman
Kent Hartsog, Vice-Chairman
James Dissen (via telephone)
Dan Marshall

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bill Dean called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Bill Dean: The minutes of the previous meeting were sent out. Is there a motion to approve?

Dan Marshall made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Kent Hartsog and passed unanimously.

3. Office of Judges' Report – Rebecca Roush, Chief Administrative Law Judge

Judge Rebecca Roush: Good afternoon. I'm here today to give you the report of the Office of Judges for the month of June. I tendered this to you a little late this morning, so I hope you had a chance to look at it. Not much has changed other than the protests are at an all-time low. We did get a few during the month of June. Overall we have about 2,500 protests pending in our office at the present time, with a projected total to be around 3,600 for the calendar year 2015. For the month of June we had a total of 363 protests received. I'm happy to take any questions you may have about our report. Otherwise, things seem to be status quo in our office.

Chairman Dean: Mr. Hartsog, do you have any questions, sir?

Kent Hartsog: No, sir.

Chairman Dean: Mr. Marshall?

Dan Marshall: No, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Dean: Mr. Dissen, do you have any questions?

James Dissen: No, sir.

Chairman Dean: Very good. Thank you.

4. General Public Comments

Chairman Dean: We'll move onto general public comments. Does anybody from the general public have a comment today? [No comments from the public.]

5. Old Business

Chairman Dean: We'll move onto old business. Does anybody from the Industrial Council have anything to bring up under old business? Mr. Hartsog?

Mr. Hartsog: No, sir.

Chairman Dean: Mr. Marshall?

Mr. Marshall: No, sir.

Chairman Dean: Mr. Dissen, do you have anything under old business?

Mr. Dissen: No, sir.

Chairman Dean: Commissioner Riley, do you have anything you'd like to bring up?

Commissioner Michael Riley, OIC: No, sir.

Chairman Dean: Mr. Pauley?

Andrew Pauley, General Counsel, OIC: No, sir.

6. New Business

Chairman Dean: We'll move onto new business. Does anybody from the Industrial Council have anything they would like to bring up under new business? Mr. Hartsog?

Mr. Hartsog: No, sir.

Chairman Dean: Mr. Marshall?

Mr. Marshall: No, sir.

Chairman Dean: Mr. Dissen?

Mr. Dissen: No, sir.

Chairman Dean: Commissioner Riley?

Commissioner Riley: No, sir.

Chairman Dean: Mr. Pauley?

Mr. Pauley: No, sir.

7. Next Meeting

Chairman Dean: The next meeting will be Thursday, September 24, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. Does that meet everybody's schedule?

8. Executive Session

Chairman Dean: The next order of business is the Executive Session. The next item on the agenda is related to self-insured employers. These matters involve discussion as specific confidential information regarding a self-insured employer that would be exempted from disclosure under the West Virginia Freedom of Information Act pursuant to West Virginia Code §23-1-4(b). Therefore it is appropriate that the discussion take place in Executive Session under the provisions of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4. If there is any action taken regarding these specific matters for an employer this will be done upon reconvening of the public session. Is there a motion to go into Executive Session?

Mr. Marshall made the motion to go into Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dissen and passed unanimously.

[The Executive Session began at 1:07 p.m. and ended at 1:17 p.m.]

8. Adjourn

Chairman Dean: We are back in regular session. Is there a motion for adjournment?

Mr. Dissen made the motion for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hartsog and passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.